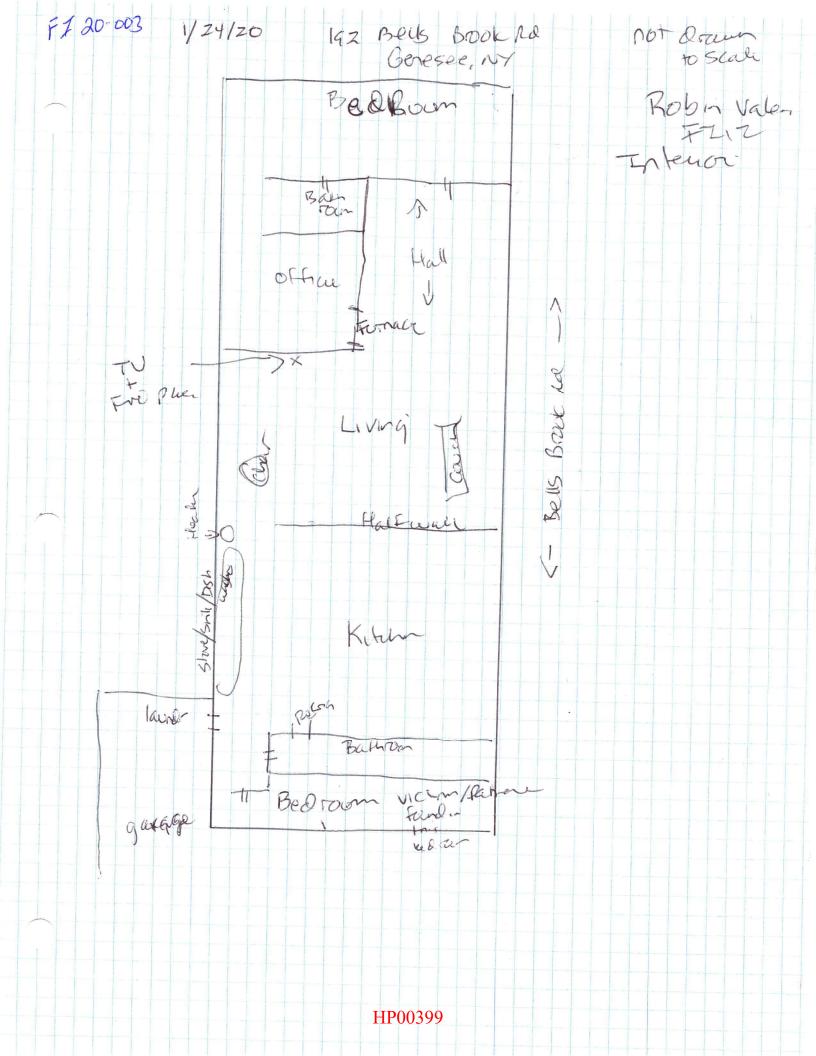
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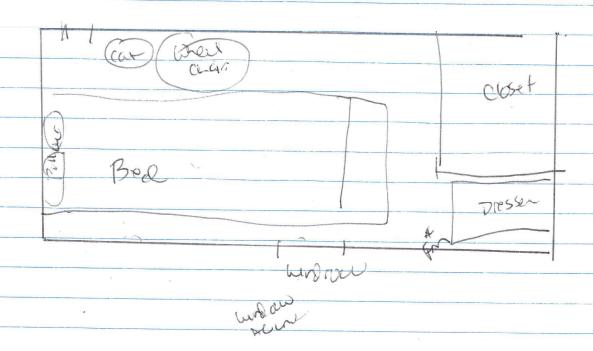
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Anthony Greenwald 8-2-85 ,315-783-7398

I was second Team Interior we advanced Hose Line To Living room, Located hot spots In Ceiling and wall. Pulled some Ceiling and wall Cooled Hot Spots. Moved down The Hall To First Room discovered furnace Blown out, Advanced To first Room on Left found several Hot spots In Room, extinguished Hot spots Removed window To ventilate,

Anthony Greenwald

Formace Info

Model # M7RL 072AAW Gual # M7G180752556

Norter Global HVAC LLC

Laptop HP 584037-001

Production TH3PQ-X? - VCWGP-WFVXD-00 196-143-562-901 HB ZXW

Product Key TH3PQ-X03K6 - VCW69-WFUXD-H82xW XI6-96072

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## ALLEGANY COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

## FIRE INVESTIGATION PHOTO LOG Roll #

Exposures

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40		n Couch / Windo	w sill		Flash
41		n Couch Control			Flash
42	Living Roon	n Wall behind Co	ouch outlet		Flash
43	Living Roon	n Wall Left side o	of Couch pole light		Flash
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45	Hallway / Fu	ırnace			Flash
46	Hallway Cel	ling light			Flash
47	Hallway Cel	ling light			Flash
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49	Electric Pan	el next too Maste	er Bedroom		Flash
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52	Office Close	t			Flash
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Photos Taken By: CFC Luckey \_\_\_\_\_ Initials:\_\_\_\_

## ALLEGANY COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

## FIRE INVESTIGATION PHOTO LOG Roll #

Exposures

FI Case # 20-003 1/24/20 Date: AL 51 Luckey					
Camera Make/Type: Film Type:	Film Speed: ASA				
Number Description	Light Source				
1) Exterior AB	Flash				
2) Exterior B	Flash				
3) Exterior C	Flash				
4) Exterior CD	Flash				
5) Exterior AD	Flash				
6) Window reported broken when chief arrived	Flash				
7) NG regulator	Flash				
8) Electric meter	Flash				
9) Entrance though garage	Flash				
10) Entrance way looking back toward garage door on left	Flash				
11) Master Bedroom door	Flash				
12) Master Bedroom were victim was found	Flash				
13) Master Bedroom were victim was found	Flash				
14) Master Bedroom were victim was found and Cat	Flash				
15) From Master Bedroom towards Kitchen	Flash				
16) Kitchen / Dining Room	Flash				
17) Kitchen / Living Room	Flash				
18) Dimming Room Wall	Flash				
19) Living Room	Flash				
20) Living Room A Wall	Flash				
21) Living Room A/B Wall	Flash				
22) Living Room Couch A Wall	Flash				
23) Living Room towards D Side	Flash				
24) Hallway A Wall	Flash				
25) Hallway Celling	Flash				
26) Hallway	Noflash				
27) Hallway into Office	Flash				
28) Office	Flash				
29) Closet in Office	Flash				
30) Closet in Office / A /B wall	Noflash				
31) Office Desk	Flash				
32) Office towards Hallway	Flash				
33) End of Hallway 2 Bedroom	Noflash				
34) End of Hallway 2 Bedroom	Noflash				
35) End of Hallway 2 Bedroom	Flash				
36) 2 Bedroom D Wall	Flash				

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## ALLEGANY COUNTY FIRE SERVICE FIRE INVESTIGATION FORM (short)

DATE: 1/24/20 TIME OF ALARM: 04:15

INCIDENT #: FI 20-003	FI'S RESPONDING: 4 Edwards, 5 Aderhold, 12
	Valeri, 51 Luckey

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Residential Fire

INCIDENT ADDRESS: 192 Bells Brook RD

OWNER'S NAME: Carol Bell-Marcellin

OCCUPANT'S NAME: Carol Bell-Marcellin and Charles Hollowell

### **Insurance / Agent Farmers Insurance**

FIRE DEPARTMENT Bolivar

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE: Chief Brain Hemphill

INJURIES – FIRE PERSON - NA

INJURIES – CIVILIAN – 1 Fatality Charles Hollowell 7-29-43

WEATHER - TEMPERATURE 28 DEGREES

CONDITIONS

(CHECK ONE)

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

X INVESTIGATION COMPLETE

CODE:1 Accidental

CAUSE: SEE ATTACHED SHEET

#### INCIDENT# FI 20-003

### NARRATIVE:

On 1/24/20 DC 3 Smith per Bolivar VFD Chief Brian Hemphill requested the Allegany County Fire Investigation Team at 04:52. Fire Investigators FI 4 Edwards, FI 5 Aderhold, FI 12 Valeri and CFC AL51 Luckey responded.

On 1/24/20 at 04:15 911 received a call from ONSTAR Telematics with a call from a Carol Marcellin DOB 7-19-42 reporting a structure fire at 192 Bells Brook Rd, Town of Genesee with one male in the bedroom who was not mobile. Mrs.Marcellin was unable to get Charles Hollowell DOB 7-21-43 in his wheel chair before she had to leave due to smoke conditions. Bolivar VFD and Portville VFD made entry into the residence and located the victim, Mr. Hollowell, in the Master Bedroom (B side) as reported near the driveway. Mr. Hollowell was then removed from bedroom and relocated to the garage where lifesaving attempts were administered by EMS Personnel. Mr. Hollowell was transported to Olean General where he was pronounced dead.

From the Allegany County property records; the residence was originally a 1980 mobile home 70 x 14 with a 10 x 16 (A Side) and 6 x 14 (C side) sun porch added on in 1992.A 16 x 20 Car Port was added on in 1997 which is now an enclosed garage. The original 1980 mobile home and the additions had batt and board siding with metal roofing added at an unknown date.

The fire investigation team began working from least to most damage.

The master bedroom, (located B side) where Mr. Hollowell was reported found lying crosswise on the bed (pic 12, 13, 14) with only his feet touching the floor, had only smoke and soot damage. The Kitchen / Dining room showed heat and smoke damage. The area closer to the Living room was where more heat damage (pic 16) was observed. The Living room C side (pic 19) had less fire and heat damage than the A Side (pic 21). The Hall way that lead to the Office, Bathroom, and second Bedroom had fire damage on both (A, C) sides (pic 24) about 4 feet off the floor. During the time of the fire the door to the second Bedroom on the (D side) of the trailer was closed. The second Bedroom showed only heat and smoke damage (pic 36).

The living room on the (A Side) did have significant damage in the area of the couch. The couch was an electric couch with heating coils built in. We were able to verify that it was not plugged in, and later when interviewed, Mrs. Marcellin confirmed this. We were able to rule out the gas furnace. The wooden louvered door for the furnace did not show signs of charring on the inside (pic 24, 25). Electrical wires and the hardwired smoke detector (pic 27) located in the hallway between the furnace and Office door was inspected. The remains of the smoke detector were found on the floor below its mounting plate near the ceiling. The wiring for this smoke detector and light switches were observed and eliminated as the cause. During my interview at Olean General Hospital Mrs. Marcellin stated that the smoke detector alerted her to the fire. Next we observed the Office area for fire damage (Pic 28- 32) (52-59). The storage closet (A side) in the Office had some of the lowest burn. We pulled out the clothing (Pic 58) and found that the floor was protected. We did not find any wires or source of ignition.

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Upon looking more closely at an HP laptop computer located on a pull-out shelf of a computer cabinet (Pic 59-62) the FI team saw unusual looking damage to the area between the keyboard and the screen (Pic 60). We picked up the HP laptop and observed additional damage to the paper (Pic 61) under the battery cover area. We also observed damage to the battery cover and the battery located in the laptop. (Pic 62, 69). This area of the battery cover showed an inconsistency with damage from a fire spread. It should have been a protected area. We confirmed that this HP Laptop was plugged in (Pic 66, 67). We also confirmed that breaker # 4 (Pic 50, 51) had been tripped. It had a sub label as LR.

Based upon our observation and ruling out other probable causes it is our hypothesis that the cause of the fire is the HP laptop. The HP laptop battery or components near the battery caused the battery to overheat and explode, sending sparks and flammable material that ignited light weight fuels in the office area of the computer cabinet or closet.

Interview by this FI AL51 Luckey with Carol Marcellin in the Emergency Room of Olean General Hospital at 09:00 1/24/2020.

I found Mrs.Marcellin alert and tentative in her ER room with an oxygen mask on. She was being tended to by nursing staff with several family members in the room. I asked if it was ok to ask some questions and Carol replied yes. I introduced myself to her and her family and confirmed with her that she had been advised by the NYSP that Mr. Hollowell did not survive. I asked about her relationship to Mr. Hollowell, her son Fred Marcellin (716-307-4412) answered that it was her boyfriend. I then asked Mrs.Mrs.Marcellin to walk me though the events of the day.

Mrs.Marcellin said that she woke up to the sound of the smoke detector alarm.Mrs.Marcellin got out of bed and went to investigate.Mrs.Marcellin could smell something electrical burning and could see light smoke coming from the Office. When Mrs.Marcellin entered the Office she saw flames, smoke and splatter of flaming pieces coming from the laptop. Mrs.Marcellin then got a fire extinguisher (Pic 17) and tried to put the fire out. Mrs.Marcellin reported that this was not working so she went to their bedroom and tried to get Mr. Hollowellout of the house. Mr. Hollowell fell to the floor due to his health condition and Mrs.Marcellin was unable to a lift him. Mrs.Marcellin tried several times but the smoke now was so intense she had to get out. Mrs.Marcellin could not reach her phone now due to the smoke. Mrs.Marcellin exited the home through the door on the (C side) (Pic 9, 10) that lead to the Garage (B Side). Mrs.Marcellin drove her car out of the Garage (Pic 2) and tried to use herONSTAR Telematics to report the fire. The ONSTAR Telematics did not connect and Mrs.Marcellin had to drive down Bells Brook Road toward 417 to get a connection. Mrs.Marcellin provided our 911 center a good report which included the exact location of where she last saw Mr. Hollowell and his mobility limitations.

SIGNATURE CFC Jeff Luckey

DATE 2-21-2020

Carol woke up to smake detector Went to investagate from bed room light snoke coming from office. Cool saw flome and smake from lop top Carol also reported seeing splatte spots on corpetibraing. Tried to put out with Fire extensition, was up ou cole smake getting worse Tried to move though . The fell To the floor. Earl Had to get OUT from smoke got in the Car backed out of prouge Tried on sten 1 world not cominect. Hell So down the road to coll note from interviwing Carol Marcellin in ER at OGH



